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Appointment of an Operator for Bangor Marina and Harbour

Ards and North Down Borough Council

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Scope

Description

Ards and North Down Borough Council seeks Participation Stage Submissions for the appointment of an Operator to operate Bangor Marina and Harbour situated in Bangor, Co.Down. Situated on the Belfast Lough, Bangor Marina and Harbour is one of the largest 5 Gold Anchor accredited marina developments on the island of Ireland. The 541-berth marina is accessible 24/7 at all states of tide and is home to an active fleet of leisure and commercial vessels. The marina attracts a considerable number of visiting vessels annually and is a real focal point within the City of Bangor, Co. Down. The operation of the Marina and Harbour has been outsourced to a private operator since 1 April 2008 with the latest agreement due to expire on 31 March 2026. An opportunity now exists for an experienced operator to take on the management of Bangor Marina and Harbour for an initial 30 month contract period with options to extend for up to a further 30 months. The potential overall contract period (including options) will be for no more than 60 months.

Contract 1. Appointment of an Operator for Bangor Marina and Harbour

Supplier

- BOATFOLK MARINAS LIMITED

Contract value

- £5,000,000 excluding VAT
- £6,000,000 including VAT

Above the relevant threshold

Award decision date

21 November 2025

Date assessment summaries were sent to tenderers

21 November 2025

Standstill period

- End: 3 December 2025
- 8 working days

Earliest date the contract will be signed

28 January 2026

Contract dates (estimated)

- 1 April 2026 to 30 September 2028
- Possible extension to 31 March 2031
- 5 years

Description of possible extension:

The Contract start date is anticipated to be 1st April 2026 for an initial period of 30 months.

There will be an option to extend the contract for a further 18-month period, followed by a final 12-month period.

However, due to the anticipated redevelopment works disruption of the marina, the exact length of each option period(s) will be agreed with the successful operator. The overall contract period (including options) will be for no more than 60 months from the 1st April

2026 and each extension will be subject to satisfactory performance and mutual agreement by both parties.

Main procurement category

Services

CPV classifications

- 79420000 - Management-related services
- 98360000 - Marine services

Contract locations

- UKN - Northern Ireland

Information about tenders

- 1 tender received
- 1 tender assessed in the final stage:
 - 1 submitted by small and medium-sized enterprises (SME)
 - 0 submitted by voluntary, community and social enterprises (VCSE)
- 1 supplier awarded contracts
- 0 suppliers unsuccessful (details included for contracts over £5 million)

Submission

Submission type

Requests to participate

Procedure

Procedure type

Competitive flexible procedure

Special regime

Concession

Supplier

BOATFOLK MARINAS LIMITED

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- Public Procurement Organisation Number: PJXL-8259-LMVT

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Region: UKJ35 - South Hampshire

Small or medium-sized enterprise (SME): Yes

Voluntary, community or social enterprise (VCSE): No

Supported employment provider: No

Public service mutual: No

Connected people/organisations:

Boatfolk Marinas Limited is a trading entity under the ownership of Premier Marinas Limited (Company number 02973858).

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Contracting authority

Ards and North Down Borough Council

- Public Procurement Organisation Number: PTTZ-3295-PYCW

City Hall

Bangor

BT20 4BT

United Kingdom

Email: procurement@ardsandnorthdown.gov.uk

Region: UKN09 - Ards and North Down

Organisation type: Public authority - sub-central government

Devolved regulations that apply: Northern Ireland